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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Del Mar – Authorities Arrest Three, Seize 1,600 Pounds of Marijuana after Boat Comes Ashore

(U) Authorities seized more than 60 bundles of marijuana and arrested three men yesterday after a suspected smuggling boat came ashore in Del Mar. Patrolling agents originally discovered four people unloading packages from the small boat. Three men—a 43-year-old Mexican citizen, a 36-year-old Honduran national and a 27-year-old US citizen—were arrested with help from San Diego police officers and sheriff's deputies, one person escaped capture. Agents seized 63 bundles of marijuana, which weighed about 1,600 pounds. The load has an estimated street value of \$930,000.

SOURCE: 18 September 2017, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – President Trump Says Democracy Must Be Restore in Venezuela Soon

(U) Washington DC – President Donald Trump said yesterday he wanted democracy restored soon in Venezuela and warned that the United States might take additional measures to apply pressure on the oil-producing nation. At least 125 people have been killed in four months of protests against the Maduro government, which has resisted calls to bring forward the presidential election and instead set up a pro-Maduro legislative superbody called a Constituent Assembly that has overruled the country's opposition-led Congress. While the Trump administration has imposed financial sanctions and Trump has called for tougher action, Latin American leaders have stuck to diplomatic sanctions and ruled out a military intervention, an option Trump has mentioned.

SOURCE: 18 September 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Florida – Tweets Linked to ISIS Target Hurricane Cities

(U) Miami – Law enforcement officials have been advised to step up alerts for "lone wolf attackers" in Miami, Houston and other cities in the wake of threatening social media posts that appear to be connected to the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS), according to social media postings discussed in an internal government intelligence document. "On Sept. 11, there was a twitter posting that appears to be authored by ISIS that threatens Washington, New York, Los Angeles, Houston, Miami and Las Vegas" the document states. The posting said there were "a lot of opportunities for the Soldiers of Islamic state to target, the Question is When?" The unclassified document mentions a Newsweek article dated 6 September that cites another ISIS posting calling for attacks on Houston relief centers. The article said: "To all the (lone mujahids) in the U.S. (warrior), pop down to Houston and drop in at any of the relief centers housing displaced people from the Houston floods, make sure to bring lots of supplies/gadgets/toys to see if you can help put any (unbeliever) out of their misery."

SOURCE: 15 September 2017, [CNBC](#)

(U) New York – Governor Wants Credit-Reporting Firms to Follow Cyber Rules

(U) New York City – New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said yesterday that he wants credit-reporting firms to comply with the state's cyber-security regulations, the latest government official to crack down on the industry in the wake of the massive Equifax hack. Cuomo said he planned to require all credit-

reporting agencies to register with the state and comply with its cyber-security rules. The proposed regulation would take effect in February. If the companies do not register, they risk being barred from doing business with financial companies regulated by New York State. The state would be able to bar from doing business in New York if the state found they engaged in “unfair, deceptive or predatory practices,” Cuomo said. Also on Monday, Bloomberg News reported that federal authorities have opened a criminal probe into stock sales by three Equifax Inc (EFX.N) executives before the company disclosed the massive data breach, news that has weighed heavily on the stock price.

SOURCE: 18 September 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Nigeria – Suicide Bombers Kill 12 People

(U) Maiduguri – Suspected suicide bombers killed at least 12 people and injured 26 others yesterday in northeast Nigeria’s state of Borno, epicenter of the Islamist militant Boko Haram insurgency. The attacks are the latest in a series of bombings in the restive northeast that have killed at least 200 people since 1 June. Officials reported the suicide bombers joined a gathering of farmers in Mashimari before detonating their devices, as they mingled with the group. Nobody has claimed responsibility for the attacks, but the use of suicide bombers is a hallmark of Boko Haram.

SOURCE: 18 September 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Kingdom – No Evidence to Link London Attack Directly to Militant Groups

(U) London – British authorities have not found evidence that last week’s attack on a London commuter train was ordered or organized by a recognized militant group, according to US and British government sources familiar with the investigation. Counter-terrorism officers have arrested two men after a crude homemade bomb sent flames shooting through a packed carriage at west London’s Parsons Green underground station during the 15 September rush hour, injuring 30 people although it apparently failed to detonate fully. Following the attack, Amaq, the news agency of ISIS, claimed responsibility for the bombing. Yesterday, US and British government sources said it was possible that the attack was somehow “inspired” by ISIS via its extensive array of internet-based propaganda and instruction materials. But they said no evidence had emerged of any direct connection between the attack and ISIS, or any other organized militant group or faction.

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